

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 605

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Chelsea Hale, 2009
Valedictorian of Union City High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea Hale is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Union City High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Hale has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, she earned an exemplary grade point average, along with several high honors, and participated in a number of worthy extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea Hale was a member of the Spanish Club, the Science Club, the Junior Civitan Club, the Beta Club, the Key Club, the Drama Club, and the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hale was also a member of the Union City High band and color guard in all of her four years at Union City, and in her senior year she was Captain of the color guard; in a testament to her skill as an oboe player, she was invited to join the University of Tennessee-Martin (UTM) Honor Band; and

WHEREAS, she was a member of the football and basketball cheerleading squads, earning the Academic Award in Cheerleading in each of her four years; in her senior year, she was selected Most Dependable in cheerleading; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, she was elected Treasurer of her freshman, sophomore, and juniors classes, and in her senior year she was elected class Secretary; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Hale received the Second Place FBLA Regional Accounting Award, the Third Place FBLA State Accounting Award, the Dare Leadership Award, the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, the Athletic Academic Achievement Award, and the Wilford Gray Scholarship in Biology and Physics; and

WHEREAS, a Tennessee Scholar and member of Student Excel in each of her four years, Chelsea Hale was invited to the Governor's School for Prospective Teachers; she was also a UTM Math Competition Contestant and a member of Tornado Pride; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the larger community outside of Union City High School, Ms. Hale was a member of Youth Leadership and the Obion County Library Teen Advisory Board, and she was a Teen Representative on the Reading Railroad Board; she volunteered her time to Chimes for Charity, the Walk of Hope, and Feeding of the Five Thousand; and

WHEREAS, a highly valued member of her faith community at First United Methodist Church, she participated in the youth program and Vacation Bible School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hale's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, John and Jane Hale, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hale's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Union City High School Valedictorian, Chelsea Hale, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.